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Commissioner Harold Linnenkohl  
Georgia Department of Transportation  
Number 2 Capitol Square, S.W.  
Atlanta, GA 30334

Re: GA 400 PPI

Dear Commissioner Linnenkohl:

I am writing of behalf of the North Buckhead Civic Association to express our views concerning the proposed GA 400 PPI. As you may recall, we had the opportunity to meet with Deputy Commissioner Buddy Gratton and other DOT officials back in October of this year. That meeting was most informative.

More recently, we were able to meet with representatives of the Crossroads 400 Group, including their communications representatives Janie Griffin and Charles Hayslett of the Hayslett Group. This was also a useful and informative meeting.

Our primary concern here in North Buckhead relates to the interchange at GA 400 and I-85. As you know, this is one of the most heavily utilized intersections in the state. It is critical not only to Buckhead, but to Downtown and Midtown Atlanta as well as the suburbs north of I-285. Regrettably, the interchange was never completed when GA 400 was initially built. Without getting off the limited access highways and attempting to navigate a complex system of surface streets, it is not possible to go from GA 400 southbound to I-85 northbound, or from I-85 southbound to GA 400 northbound. These and other deficiencies result in significant delays on GA 400 and I-85, and cause traffic routinely to back up into the surrounding surface streets and neighborhoods.

We therefore believe it is vital that the improvements to GA 400 include the following:

- (a) Full connectivity of the intersection between GA 400 and I-85, including both northbound and southbound travel, and including regular and HOT lanes;
- (b) Direct connectivity from northbound Buford Highway onto northbound GA 400;
- (c) A new exit from southbound GA 400 onto Lindbergh Drive;
- (d) A new "jug handle" exit from GA 400 southbound onto Sidney Marcus Boulevard eastbound;  
and
- (e) The dedication of one I-85 southbound lane at (and somewhat upstream of) the I-85 junction with GA 400 southbound, to facilitate the merging of non-HOT GA 400 southbound traffic onto I-85 southbound.

With the inclusion of these improvements, our neighborhood supports the PPI, and we look forward to working with the contracting group and the DOT to refine the plans as the process continues. Needless to say, our community has been tremendously impacted by GA 400 since it was first conceived — it literally traverses the very heart of our neighborhood. Accordingly, we need to stay closely involved with the process at all phases of this project. Our neighborhood and our civic association include a number of engineers, attorneys and others with special expertise, and of course many knowledgeable and concerned citizens. We are available to meet on reasonable notice at any time.

Thank you for your consideration of our views.

Very truly yours,

[Original signed by]

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